

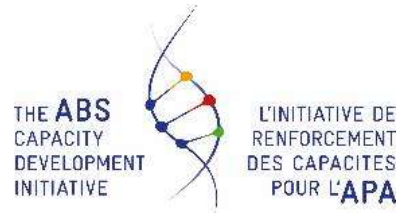


**Pan-African Workshop  
Supporting an Enabling Environment for ABS and Biotrade**

# Experiences in implementing ABS in Africa

# CAMEROON

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## Rationale: Why ABS is of national importance

- Rich resources that support conservation and development
- ABS create condition for access to genetic resources and equitable sharing of benefits that brings social justice
- ABS provides incentives and mobilizes financial means for the Cameroon government to serve livelihoods improvement, local development and biodiversity conservation.
- Promote research and innovation which can lead to the development of new products and technology.
- ABS foster international cooperation (technological exchanges) that's brings local and national development

## Status of implementation: *regulations, agreements, entities, benefit-sharing,....*

- ABS law that was promulgated in 2019
- Decree of implementation signed in 2023
- Order that creates and organizes the national ABS committee
- Order to specify the tasks of the ABS national focal point
- Order to specify the tasks of the CH National Focal Point
- **33 ABS contracts : 4 with enterprises (one engaged in micro-organisms DSI)**
- **29 ABS Permits**
- **29 IRCCs**
- **03 BCPs**

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## What works well in relation to ABS implementation

- Compliance (PIC, MAT, IRCC)
- Negotiation
- MAT implementation
- Training modules

### Success Factors

- Existence of legal framework
- Political will (integrate of ABS activities into state budget and post graduate curricula in the Universities)
- Smooth functioning of the ABS community
- Good mindset of the actors
- Good and simple ABS procedure
- Existing guiding documents (Providers and users manual, Negotiation guide, Guideline for biodiversity conservation, BCP)
- National sensitization (Organisation of first edition of ABS national forum)

## Challenges in ABS implementation / attaining KMGBF target 13

- Awareness, sensitization raising on ABS related topics (DSI, BS, MLBS)
- Capacity building
- Transfer of technology (Digital sequencing)
- Reluctancy of parties to provide information on the bases for calculating non-monetary benefits)
- Absence of checkpoints that hinders proper monitoring of exploited genetic resources
- Insufficient technical platform for research

## The way forward

- Intensify sensitization through national ABS forum
- Awareness raising on ABS related activities
- Capacity building of actors (ILPCs, Researchers, Private Sector, NGOs, Civil Society, Politic makers)